

The Mobile Infirmary Medical Center also offers the latest cancer therapies and treatments available and its research program provides treatment options not found anywhere else on the Gulf Coast.

In celebration of its 100th birthday, the facility plans several events next month, including a public viewing of its remodeled atrium and a reunion of everyone born at the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center.

One hundred years ago, the Mobile Infirmary was a vital part of our community—delivering babies, saving lives and comforting the suffering. Today, it continues to fulfill that important role for Mobile and all of Southwest Alabama and, indeed, the central Gulf Coast.

Madam Speaker, on this 100th anniversary, I offer my heartfelt congratulations for its exemplary service to our community and I am confident that the legacy of the Infirmary as a leading health care center will long endure. Happy Birthday, Mobile Infirmary. And special thanks to the thousands of men and women who, over the years, have helped fulfill your core mission of health care excellence.

CONGRATULATING FRANCINE  
FARKAS SEARS OF BRANFORD,  
CONNECTICUT

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend Francine Farkas Sears of Branford, a pioneering small businesswoman from my district whose company, Fabrique, has been named one of America's fastest-growing 5000 companies by Inc. Magazine. This acknowledgment is a testament to her entrepreneurial skills and spirit of innovation.

Francine is president and owner of Fabrique, a certified woman-owned business that provides cases and accessories for a host of consumer electronic products. Francine has led this company since the early 1980s driven by the vision of what women needed to compete and succeed in the business arena.

And its success is only the latest feather in the cap of a true trailblazer, one with 40 years of experience in the business world. As a stockbroker in the 1960s, Francine was recognized by Newsweek and the New York Times. And in 1972, she was the first businesswoman invited to visit Communist China, after President Nixon had normalized relations.

These achievements, like her inclusion on the Inc. list this year, speak to Francine's creativity, resilience, tenacity, and business savvy—all as plain as day to anyone who meets her. Perhaps most importantly, she has used her success to serve her community, by helping other women to join the business world and succeed in their own right.

I applaud Francine for achieving this recognition, and I congratulate her on both her thriving professional career and the continued success of Fabrique. She is a credit to the Branford community and an excellent reminder that small businesses can and do continue to thrive in our home state of Connecticut.

THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China will celebrate National Day, this year marking their 99th anniversary. The United States of American and Taiwan enjoy a close and strong relationship based on shared democratic values and free market economies.

I salute the people of Taiwan for their recent achievements, including the completion on June 29 of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with China. Improving relations between Taiwan and mainland China have greatly reduced tension across the Taiwan Strait.

While welcome, the improved relations between the two sides does not eliminate the need for the United States to continue to help Taiwan's defense capabilities under the Taiwan Relations Act. We should continue to aid Taiwan in replacing its aging air force. According to the most recent Department of Defense report on Taiwan's military power, China continues to enjoy air superiority over Taiwan.

It is also my view that we must support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by supporting Taiwan and its 23,000,000 people in becoming a member of the United Nations. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Today, Taiwan is a major trading partner and friend. Our strong economic and cultural ties go back nearly a hundred years. We hope that this strong bond will continue for another 100 years and more.

TRIBUTE TO BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which begins on October 1. This month should serve as a time to reflect on the struggles faced by women fighting this deadly disease and to celebrate how far we have come and all we have accomplished in the fight for a cure.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which has provided health services to more than 3.7 million underserved women. It focuses on one of the key factors in surviving breast cancer—early detection. Due to the sobering fact that breast cancer will afflict 1.3 million women this year, it is vital that we ensure access to affordable breast health services. Last year alone, the early detection program screened almost 325,000 women for breast cancer—and detected 4,600 instances of cancer.

In addition to maintaining this progress, we must also maintain our investment in innovative research to develop better screening tools and treatments. Numerous provisions in the health reform law will improve breast cancer

screening, including annual mammograms for women age 40 and older.

A number of non-profit organizations are dedicated to saving lives and ensuring quality care for those suffering from this terrible disease. This is the 30th anniversary of Nancy G. Brinker's promise to her sister, Susan Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

I encourage everyone to join me in recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I would like to acknowledge this month as a time of hope for those fighting this disease and to honor the 2.5 million survivors living in the U.S. today who serve as a testament to the power of education, early detection, and advances in treatment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOME-  
LAND DEFENSE OPERATIONS  
PAY EQUITY ACT

### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a bill, the Homeland Defense Operations Pay Equity Act, which aims to address an oversight in statute that does treat members of the National Guard or Reserves, who are also federal civil servants, with pay parity during periods of activation in support of domestic operations.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-8) established Section 5538 of Title 5. The intent of this provision was to ensure that any member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty and who works as a federal civil servant does not incur a significant loss of income as a result of their activation to active duty service under Title 10. This was in direct response to the major activations for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Numbers of Guardsmen and Reservists who work for the federal government were suffering significant losses of income as a result of the activations to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. To address this disparity, Congress passed Section 5538 to ensure that the federal government, under specific regulations, pays the difference between their active duty pay and their federal salary.

However, Section 5538 does not cover a Coast Guard Reservist or National Guardsmen who was called to service in support of homeland defense operations under Title 32 or Title 14.

Since 9/11, our National Guardsmen and Reservists have answered the call to duty on numbers of domestic operations including Operation Noble Eagle, security at our airports, Hurricane Katrina operations, Operation Jump Start on the southwest border and most recently for BP oil spill clean-up. We should encourage, not penalize, our federal civil servants who perform domestic operations in the National Guard or Reserves. The Homeland Defense Operations Pay Equity Act would correct this oversight and ensure that Reservists and Guardsmen do not incur a significant loss of income in their service to our country.

I urge that this bill be passed, so that our dedicated Guardsmen, Reservists, and their families, do not face financial hardship while answering the call to service.